

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, January 13, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at the Buena Vista Community Center, 715 E. Main Street, Buena Vista, Colorado. Earl Richmond called the meeting to order at 7:37am.

Members present were Co-Chair Earl Richmond, Co-Chair McKenzie Lyle, Marcus Trusty, Dan Hamme, Julie Robinson, Lisa Ortega, Gary Crowder, Ashley Blazer, and Luke Urbine. Also in attendance were Parks and Recreation Supervisor Emily Osborn, Recreation Program Coordinator Ashley Davis, Trustee Eric Gibb, and Code Enforcement Officer Ron Dennis. Ed Eberle of the Trails Board was present, as well as Amanda Krost and Jeri Pikul from Mt. Princeton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dan Hamme moved to approve the December 2015 minutes. Gary Crowder seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: The agenda was amended to include an ongoing discussion item concerning the BV REC Mission Statement and outside product offerings. Julie Robinson motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Dan Hamme seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ed Eberle was present to discuss the new Trails Map. The map has evolved over the years from very basic to a four-fold color map included trails and area parks. In 2015 they were distributed in 7 or 8 locations and were gone by the first part of August. The map currently shows Barbara Whipple out to the Wildlife Trail, however, Ed realized that most people that use this map are using the River Park area only. McKenzie suggested that type may need to be larger for reading clarity. Earl suggested that there be a way to delineate the various large area parks with a symbol. Ed is also looking for thoughts on funding for 2017 and Earl suggested that when we get closer to printing that there be more involvement from the Recreation group. Luke was curious if the branding project would include this map. Eric suggested that it would be, but that it is not determined what that might be yet.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- I. Discussion re Playground Safety, ADA Compliance, and Dog Licensing Programs: Ron Dennis conducted a visit with the Town's insurance company, CIRSA, and they were concerned about the lack of ADA Accessible playgrounds in Buena Vista. Ron wants to suggest that we keep that in mind going forward with new projects. Emily Osborn reported that Greg Maggard, Public Works Director, is an ADA Liaison and that Columbine Park is almost ADA Compliant. Earl suggested that we have Greg check out the Splash Park to see if it is ADA compliant to satisfy insurance needs until we can get another park qualified. Dan suggested that if we update the Community Center Park we should automatically make it ADA Compliant. Ron stated that he thinks the ADA Compliant filler would only have to be about 6 feet out from the equipment with access to it, as opposed to having to fill the entire area of the park with new material. Eric suggested that the new picnic tables that will go in front of the tennis courts could be ADA Accessible. Ron reported that CIRSA did not find many things wrong with playgrounds other than a few general upkeep items.

Per Town Code, there is a requirement for a dog license. This was put into the Code in 1980, however, most citizens do not know about it. Some of the questions arising are: how time efficient it would be to enforce, if it could possible pay for Dog Park areas/trails, could it bring in extra funds for the Town to use towards different projects, etc. Julie Robinson asked how the Town currently tracks rabies shots because typically

those two items are included in one. Ron wants suggestions as to if he should keep it in the Code and reinstate it, or if it needs to just be edited out. Gary thinks it's a good idea to keep licensing so that it's easier to find the owner or identify the dog, as well as track their health records (distemper, rabies, parvo, etc.). Earl is curious if there is enough staffing to fulfil this process and Ron believes there would be. He also questioned what this means for cats and other pets. Jeri Pikul suggested that maybe some of the funds collected could go to a "dog parking area" like in Telluride and other communities for shoppers in the downtown area. Luke Urbine suggested that Laura Bussing could possible team with the Town to help promote some of these things and promote her business (Gone to the Dogs) at the same time. Amanda Krost stated that, just as a citizen, there are two ends to it and there might be a greater increase in reports of dogs barking, getting loose, etc. and if it really is worth Town time to take care of this.

- II. Discussion re Recreation Supervisor First 30 Day Report- Emily's main task over the first 30 days was to get together with most of the key players in Town to get to know them and get familiar with what they do. She also met with Burke Kaiser about the Collegiate Peaks Trail Run and they are discussing ways to get that event to be more enticing. She has also met with some of the Special Event coordinators from the area and discussing how to partner with them. The Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service have stated that they will not be doing any new permits for 2016, so that might take some planning to see how to get new events to happen. Emily is also in charge of the health and wellness program for Town Employees. She took time to meet with South Main and they stated that the key to change routes in the boulder park is missing so we need to order a new one. Ron is going to look into the insurance requirements as far as coverage goes for individuals who change the routes and if they have to be certified or not. Earl suggested that Trailhead be part of the champion group for the boulders since they have a staff full of people who climb.
- III. Discussion re Recreation Board Appointments: We have a few terms that were up in December 2015 including Earl Richmond, Julie Robinson, and Luke Urbine. Lisa looked into past minutes from December 2014 and found the process for how to go about nominations. Luke, Earl, and Julie all showed interest in staying a part of the Recreation Advisory Board. Dan Hamme makes a motion to make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees for Luke Urbine, Earl Richmond, and Julie Robinson to maintain their positions. Gary Crowder seconds, unanimous approval.
- IV. Discussion re Lake Placid Ice Rink: The rink is currently located in Phoenix, Arizona and will require two trucks to be able to move it. This will hopefully happen at the end of the month given good weather. They will also be meeting with a local engineer to determine the best location and the best scale while they wait to figure out a larger, future vision. Brandy gave them her blessing to use the lot next to the slab as well. Dan is curious if anyone has connections at ACA or Diesslin Structures to be able to pour concrete and install the entire rink instead of just part. They have a fundraising set up that will go live soon and he feels it will be a pretty rapid expansion. Climax Mine is going to do a price match for funding. It is going to be multi-use during the entirety of the year for soccer, lacrosse, etc. so it has the possibility to be used for a great number of activities.

ONGOING DISCUSSION ITEMS:

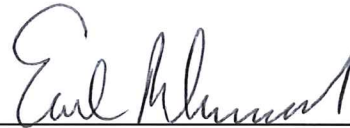
- I. Trails Update: See above public comment with Ed Eberle.

- II. Recreation Program Update: Last week was the first day of our Youth Ski League, which has grown to include a middle school club. We have also started drop-in soccer at Darren Patterson, as well as new yoga and dance classes, both for adults and children. Sunday Volleyball continues to grow and the new equipment is finally here, Volleyball League will begin in March. Sponsorship letters were sent out on Friday.
- III. Outside Recreation Providers: Eric suggested that this needs to be a larger discussion Town-wide and at a higher level. Because BV REC already does this, he thinks that the advisory board needs to be the ones who bring it forth to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees need to give town staff direction on this issue: how does the website differ from the softball field, how can we list local service providers where people will see them, etc. Earl stated that there used to be a list on the back page of the old brochure so Ashley will look for examples. Marcus asked where the list was of past sponsors and Ashley reported that Brandy did not agree it should be on the website and had it removed. Luke is frustrated that one person is able to change things that the recreation board has been working on without discussion.
- IV. Mission Statement: Tabled until February meeting. Ashley will send out materials.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned by Earl Richmond at 9:09am.

Respectfully submitted:



Earl Richmond, Co-Chair

Ashley Davis, Recreation Program Coordinator